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## **Superintendent Juneau Appoints 34 Montanans To Develop New Distribution Process Of Oil And Gas Money To Public Schools**

Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau has appointed two negotiated rulemaking committees to develop and amend rules for the distribution of monies in the state school oil and natural gas distribution account.

The first committee is comprised of public school officials and public school employees from school districts that are located in or are immediately adjacent to a county in which oil and natural gas production taxes are generated, and professional organizations representing these public school officials and employees. This committee will develop proposed rules regarding distribution of 50 percent of the funds deposited in the state school oil and natural gas distribution account.

The second committee is comprised of public school officials and public school employees from school districts around the state, and professional organizations representing these public school officials and employees. This committee will develop proposed rules regarding the distribution of the remaining 50 percent of the funds deposited in the state school oil and natural gas distribution account.

Both committees will consult with the Office of Public Instruction on the preparation of an economic impact statement of the fiscal impact of the proposed rules. The negotiated rulemaking committees are expected to conduct their work between October 2015 and April 2016.

The 19 members of the first committee include:

- Tyler Arlint, Superintendent, Lambert Public Schools
- James Baldwin, Superintendent, Poplar Public Schools
- Larry Crowder, Superintendent, Culbertson Public Schools
- Steve Engebretson, Dawson County Superintendent of Schools
- Daniel Farr, Superintendent, Sidney Public Schools
- Tony Holecek, Superintendent, Westby Public Schools
- Luke Kloker, Superintendent, Fairview Public Schools
- Cara Lokken-Frandsen, Teacher, Sidney Public Schools
- Terry Quintus, Superintendent, Wibaux Public Schools
- Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public Schools
- Gail Staffanson, Richland County Superintendent of Schools
- Maureen Simonson, Superintendent, Richey Public Schools
- Lora Tauck, Business Manager, Ekalaka Public Schools
- Tim Tharp, Superintendent, Sunburst Public Schools
- Matthew Torix, Superintendent, Plentywood Public Schools
- Scott Westlund, Trustee Froid Public Schools

- Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction
- Nancy Hall, Lead Budget Analyst, Office of Governor
- Chris Watson, Revenue Analyst, Office of the Governor

The first meeting of the negotiated rulemaking committee representing schools directly impacted by oil and natural gas development is scheduled for October 1 in Glasgow, Mont.

The second committee includes 15 members representing school districts from around the state:

- Mike Arnold, Business Manager, Havre Public Schools
- Keith Campbell, Superintendent, Miles City Public Schools
- Caitlin Chiller, Teacher, Whitehall Public Schools
- Bob Connor, Superintendent, Glasgow K-12 Schools
- Wade Johnson, Superintendent, Cut Bank Public Schools
- Mike Longbottom, Trustee, Laurel Public Schools
- Brad Moore, Superintendent, Big Sandy Public Schools
- Brian Patrick, Business Manager, Great Falls Public Schools
- Sandy Watts, Big Horn County Superintendent of Schools
- Krystal Zenter, Trustee, Bridger K-12 Schools
- Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction
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The initial meeting of the second negotiated rulemaking committee has not yet been scheduled and will occur after the first committee has developed a proposal.

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### Health and Physical Education Standards Revision

On September 30 a negotiated rulemaking committee (required through passage in 2015 of Senate Bill 345) will meet to review draft content standards for health and physical education. Teams of content area experts met over the last year to create the draft standards. Please see the OPI webpage and calendar for information about the September 30 meeting. After the negotiated rulemaking committee reviews the draft standards and an economic impact statement, next steps include a recommendation from Superintendent Juneau to the Board of Public Education to begin the formal adoption process.

- OPI webpage: <http://opi.mt.gov>
  - OPI Calendar: <http://opi.mt.gov/Calendar/calendar.php>
  - Your Guide to Montana's Content Standards Revision Process: <https://youtu.be/KzbOj1SVTEg>
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Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau has selected 16 people to serve on the negotiated rulemaking committee that will move the process forward to update health and physical education content standards.

Committee members include:

1. Gayle Graf, Whitefish Middle School health teacher
2. Kimberly DeBruyker, retired Belgrade School Superintendent
3. Scott McDowell, Bozeman school administrator
4. Thale Dillon, Missoula director and research analyst for Montana Kids Count
5. Jeff Gray, Great Falls School Board member
6. Michelle Harrell, Cut Bank teacher
7. Reg Hageman, Helena teacher
8. Kathleen Aragon, Billings citizen
9. Katie Loveland, Helena parent
10. Corri Smith, Great Falls Indian Education Director
11. Donnie McVee, Laurel school business official
12. Bryan Kott, Drummond school administrator
13. Karin Billings, OPI Health Enhancement Division Administrator
14. Dr. Meagan Chilson, UM Western Professor of Human Health and Performance
15. Pete Donovan, Board of Public Education Executive Director
16. Ann Gilkey, OPI Chief Legal Counsel

Montana's public school health enhancement content standards haven't been updated since 1999.

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### Arts Standards Revision

Throughout the months of August and September a team of arts educators have met to revise content standards for five disciplines within the Arts: dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts. A negotiated rulemaking committee (required through passage in 2015 of Senate Bill 345) will review the standards on October 26. Please see the OPI Calendar for information about the negotiated rulemaking committee meeting. As with the Health and Physical Education standards, next steps include an economic impact statement and a recommendation to the Board of Public Education by Superintendent Juneau to begin the formal adoption process.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau has selected 16 people to serve on the negotiated rulemaking committee that will move forward the process that updates arts content standards.

The committee members represent a diverse group of Montanans who are experts in fine arts education, business, music, and visual and dramatic arts.

Committee members include:

1. John Combs, Missoula School District Fine Arts Supervisor
2. Andrew Loftus, Bozeman School District Director of Music and Fine Arts
3. Rita Wells, Billings music teacher
4. Melanie Charlson, Missoula teacher
5. Robin Kratz, Valier school board trustee
6. Lynda Brannon, East Helena citizen
7. Kelly Talsma, Whitefish school business official and realtor
8. Kristiny Lorette, Rocky Boy teacher
9. Jo Newhall, Livingston County Superintendent
10. James (Doug) McConnaha, Bitterroot College adjunct instructor, Corvallis teacher
11. Valentia LaPier, East Glacier artist
12. Gordon Henry, Harlem artist
13. Jael Prezeau, OPI Content Standards and Instruction Division Administrator
14. Emily Kohring, Montana Arts Council Director of Arts Education
15. Pete Donovan, Board of Public Education Executive Director
16. Ann Gilkey, OPI Chief Legal Counsel

Montana's public school arts standards haven't been updated since 2000. The new standards will be discipline-specific, instead of the previous version which included four artistic disciplines under one broad set of standards. In addition to traditional disciplines such as music, visual arts, theater and dance, the new standards will also include media arts.

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